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TOWN OF GOSHEN

June 26, 2019

Vanessa Nason
Muckrock News
Dept. MR 41390
411A Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Re: FOIL Request – dated June 12, 2019

Dear Ms. Nason:

This letter acknowledges, and is in response to, your request to the Town of Goshen, dated June 12, 2019, pursuant to the N.Y. Public Officers Law § 84 *et seq.* ("F.O.I.L."), in which you have requested: "Any and all statistics, data, reports, audits, policies and procedures pertaining to the following items regarding sexual assault evidence collection (SAEC) kits (also known as "rape kits") and processing:

- All standard operating procedures regarding department practices on the acquisition of or handling of rape kit evidence, including protocols for its collection, testing, and delegation and transfer to all other possibly relevant locations, laboratories, or agencies
- The number of kits collected and booked into evidence from the period of January 1, 2000 through the date this request is processed
- The number of kits that have been processed by a public or private crime or forensic laboratory or equivalent processing location from the period of January 1, 2000 through this request is processed
- The number of unprocessed kits in any storage facilities currently under the department's jurisdiction and control, including those held by medical personnel or at external laboratory locations
- Any materials regarding the status or ultimate disposition of cases in which a kit was collected. Please include and available segregable date
- All audits involving this agency regarding the collection or backlog of SAEC kits

This is a timely response under F.O.I.L.

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Please be advised the Town of Goshen Police Department has no information regarding the collection of rape kits, as all information regarding these situations is collected by either the Orange County Sheriff's Department or the New York State Police. Your request for this information is therefore denied.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirsten Santangelo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kirsten" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "Santangelo".

Kirsten Santangelo
FOIL Records Access Officer